

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

VICKI CHANG,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW VANDERWIELEN, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C22-0013-SKV

ORDER RE: MOTION TO RECUSE
AND REASSIGNMENT

Plaintiff, proceeding pro se in this civil rights action, submitted a Request for New Judge Appointed. Dkt. 35. The Court, having considered that request and having considered the record in this matter as a whole, herein finds and ORDERS as follows:

(1) Plaintiff explains her Request for New Judge Appointed as follows:

Plaintiff requests that a new judge be appointed that does not attend University of Washington as an undergraduate or graduate student nor get paid on a regular basis as a faculty member or permanent staff person, or an employee of the mostly [sic] the State of Washington for most of their career, since Washington State indemnifies [Defendant] Riddhi Kothari, DO under insurance claims. Plaintiff requests that this is true for the judge's spouse as well.

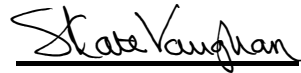
Dkt. 35. The Court construes this filing as a motion to recuse pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 144.

Further, having reviewed the motion, the Court finds no justification for voluntary recusal. *See* Local Civil Rule (LCR) 3(f).

1 The Court does, however, find reassignment of this matter appropriate at this juncture.
2 Because two of the named Defendants have yet to appear, the Court is unable to inquire as to
3 whether all of the parties in this case consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge. Given that
4 fact, and with consideration of Plaintiff's motion for recusal and a pending dispositive motion,
5 *see* Dkt. 14, the Court herein directs the Clerk to reassign this matter to a District Judge in
6 accordance with the Court's Amended General Order No. 02-19 regarding Consent and Referrals
7 to Magistrate Judges under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and (c). Also, should the reassignment result in a
8 referral to the undersigned, the Court, as required by LCR 3(f), directs the Clerk to refer
9 Plaintiff's motion for recusal, Dkt. 14, to Chief Judge Ricardo S. Martinez.

10 (2) The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the parties.

11 Dated this 6th day of April, 2022.

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13 S. KATE VAUGHAN
14 United States Magistrate Judge
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